

Please convey my following comments to the members of the IQC for their consideration on Oct. 8/9, 2015.

1. In chapter 1B , I request addition of "from Punjab, India" after "immigrant" on page 114, based on the entree on page 95 of the Citizen's Almanac of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services..
2. Chapter 1C page 84 needs to be corrected considering the fact that Asian Indian (Hindu and Sikh) immigration was not spurred by California's Gold Rush directly, or indirectly by the shortage of agricultural labor in Hawaii that resulted from Hawaiians rushing to California's gold fields. The East Indians came too late and did not go to either the gold fields or to Hawaii.

3. Chapter 1D: P 401-03, Survey of World Religions. I recommend it as it includes the elements of World Geography and World Religions required course that has proved very useful in the Modesto City School District, during the last 15 years and was recommended by our legislature (ACR 154 : Gray, 2014)

Kindly acknowledge receipt. Thanks.

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This is to supplement my comment on Chapter 1C page 84 with the following quote from: Asian Americans: an interpretive history by Sucheng Chan, 1991, page 4, which came to my attention just today,

" Asian Indian immigration was far smaller in scale and formed a third pattern. Most of the pioneers were adherents of the Sikh faith from the Punjab region of Northwestern India, They paid their own passage to Canada and the Pacific Coast and came in small groups of three to five persons, relying on their own social networks -particularly their temples, which served as hostels to facilitate their journey. They came in search of work, but Hawaii was not one of their way stations; neither did any gold rush lure them to North America. Furthermore, they were not part of the traffic that shipped several million Indians to different parts of the British Empire to work in plantations, mines or construction projects during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries,"